consider the matter of filling up the vacancies in the membership of the CABE. In this connection, the Government has constituted a Committee on 17.1.2003 under the Chairmanship of Shri J.C. Pant, former Secretary to the Government of India, for evolving an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination with all stakeholders including State Governments, for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects in pursuance of the National Education Policy.

IITs branches in foreign countries

1172. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up branches of Indian Institute of Technology in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose of tapping overseas market in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is no proposal to set up Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) abroad.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

1173. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has ratified the UN adopted 1989 'Convention on the Rights of the Child which *inter alia*, gives guarantee for full ranges of rights from survival and development to protection from exploitation and abuse and full participation in family, etc.;

(b) if so, have we fulfilled the envisaged commitment by passing the relevant legislation in line with the CRC which aims to defend, protect and fulfill the rights of children; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) India has acceded to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 11th December, 1992.

(b) and (c) There are several constitutional provisions and legislations that confer rights on children in India. These were in place even before accession to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Government reviews legislations and other programmes for children from time to time to fulfill their rights. Some of the recent legislations include the Constitution (86th Amendment) Act 2002 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000.

Urdu education in central schools

1174. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools which have provisions of Urdu education; State-wise; and

(b) the number of Urdu teachers engaged in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) There is a provision for teaching of regional languages including Urdu as the additional language in Kendriya Vidyalayas if the number of students opting for such language is at least 20. A teacher is engaged on part time basis for this.

(b) Since no student has opted for learning of Urdu language in any of the Kendriya Vidyalayas therefore there are no Urdu teachers in KVS at present.

Number of children not going to school

†1175. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of children not going to school for getting

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.